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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. FOR CLIFF GROSS: LEN WILLEMS HAS NO FIRM PLANS ON WHEN TO GO TO LENINGRAD. IF ANYONE IS DRIVING TO OR FROM LENINGRAD WHILE LEN IS THERE AND HAS ROOM, LEN WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO HITCH A RIDE AS HE HAS NEVER MADE THE TRIP BY CAR. OTHERWISE, HE CAN TENTATIVELY PLAN TO GO BY TRAIN TO LENINGRAD NIGHT OF SUNDAY, MAY 22 ARRIVING LENINGRAD MONDAY MORNING, AND DEPART BY TRAIN TUESDAY EVENING MAY 24 ARRIVING MOSCOW WEDNESDAY MORNING MAY 25. HE RECEIVED HIS SOVIET VISA.

2. APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE WITH OUR FAILURE TO GET CABLES. WHEN WE SENT YOU THE REQUEST FOR DETAILS ON THE BEECHER STORY, WE HADN'T SEEN YOUR FIRST REPORTING THAT YOU HAD A TEXT. BUT FOLLOW-UP DETAILS WERE VERY INTERESTING,
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AND MAY BEAR SOME REFERENCE TO WHAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED HERE IN PRIVATE TALKS. WE CERTAINLY AGREE THAT CALCULATED EFFORT WAS MADE TO PLANT STORY.

3. AGREE WITH YOUR CABLE ON LEVCHENKO, WHICH WE ARE PASSING TO SECDEL. PRESUME AMBASSADOR WILL RAISE THIS IN GENEVA.

4. FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

A. APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN SET WITH CALIFANO (HEW) AND MARSHALL (LABOR). REQUESTS ARE STILL PENDING FOR MEETING WITH BLUMENTHAL (TREASURY) AND WHITE HOUSE MEETINGS. ADM. TURNER (CIA) AND GEN. ALLEN (NSA) BOTH WANT TO SEE YOU AND HAVE INVITED YOU TO LUNCH.

B. JIM MORAN (S/S - EX) HAS HELD A SEAT FOR MRS. TOON ON THE SECRETARY'S FLIGHT RETURNING FROM GENEVA. LYNN EATON, WHO WILL REPLACE MORAN WITH THE SECRETARY'S DELEGATION AT GENEVA, WILL KNOW OF THIS ARRANGEMENT.

C. H TELLS US YOU WILL JOIN SEVERAL OTHERS (HARTMAN INCLUDED) FOR A CONFIRMATION APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE 24TH.

5. I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT A TASK WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN WITH VERY SHORT DEADLINE. NEW APPROACH TO BUDGET REQUIRES US TO OFFER UP 95 AND 85 PERCENT CUTS IN THE FIELD AND AT HOME FOR FY 79. THIS IS DEPT-WIDE EXERCISE, NO INTENTION CONSULT WITH FIELD. HOWEVER, I PROPOSE TO LET YOU KNOW OUR PLANNED SUBMISSIONS AS SOON AS WE WORK THEM OUT, FOR YOUR INFORMAL COMMENTS. MY HUNCH IS THAT EUR WILL CHOOSE TO TAKE ITS HEAVIEST CUTS ELSEWHERE, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PUSH IN THAT DIRECTION. PLEASE DO NOT MENTION IN OTHER CHANNELS. CHRISTOPHER

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